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Blankets and Comfortables

We would like to call attention to our line of warm bedding.

COTTON BLANKETS

10-4 and 11-4 Size. Prices **59c to \$1.50**

WOOLNAP BLANKETS

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The largest line we have ever shown, in Whites and Greys. 11-4 Size. Prices **\$3.50 to 8.00**

BED COMFORTABLES

We can show you Comfortables in our stock that you will find **REAL BARGAINS**. Prices **\$1.00 to 3.75**

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This is the time to get your furniture and mattresses renovated. See our complete line of Tapestries, Velours, Imitation Leathers, Cretonnes, Denims, etc., and have your furniture recovered. We make over hair mattresses as good as new. Mattress ticks furnished if necessary. Telephone us **TODAY** and our team will call for your furniture and mattresses and return them when finished.

Thursday's Specials

Three pieces All Wool French Suitings. 50 inches wide. Regular price \$1.50. Thursday price **98c**

The Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co.

THE Passumpsic (Mutual) Savings Bank

Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The Trustees of this solid and well-known institution feeling that the present time deposits of the Bank are entitled to receive the highest rate of interest allowed by law, which is **4 PER CENT PER ANNUM**, expect to pay that rate for 1912, as well as the taxes on all deposits. Deposits made on or before Dec. 5, will be allowed interest from the first of said month. T. M. HOWARD, President, W. P. SMITH, Vice President, R. C. BAKER, Treasurer.

To The American People

The American Little Liver Tablet is the "Best General Regulator." They act as a general tonic to the stomach and bowels: nature is simply aided in doing her work properly, and good health results. They are purely vegetable. Price 25c. Dose—One or two at night as needed. In case of chronic constipation, one-half to one glass of hot or cold water, night and morning is helpful.

The American Throat Tablet has been carefully compounded to meet the general demand for a general throat tablet, to be dissolved in the mouth for hoarseness, sore throat, tonsillitis, coughs and colds. As children cannot gargle, and the American Throat Tablet is as palatable as candy, it is the remedy par excellence for them. They are helpful to the stomach and cannot be surpassed as a general remedy to be kept in the house at all times. Price, 25c. Directions—Dissolve one in mouth every hour or two as needed. Small children, one-fourth to one-half tablet.

These remedies can be procured of your regular dealer, or will be sent by mail upon receipt of price.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL CO., St. Johnsbury

Mrs. Mary B. Howland
In the death of Mrs. Howland, which occurred in Milan, Pa., Nov. 2, many are bereaved. During Clark P. Howland's principality of St. Johnsbury Academy, Mrs. Howland endeared herself to many whose hearts are deeply touched by her suffering and its outcome. Throughout the land there are men doing the "world's work," who will hear with sadness of her home-going. As a

Use American Liver Tablets.

FRATERNITY MEETINGS.

Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, F. and A. M. Called Communication Thursday evening, Nov. 14. Work M. M. degree. Called Communication Monday evening, Nov. 18. Work M. M. degree. FRED H. DOLLOFF, W. M. DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Has-sell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Special Convocation Friday evening, Nov. 15. Work M. M. M. degree. DAVID K. COLE, E. H. P. DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Palatine Commandery, No. 5, E. T. Stated Conclave Tuesday evening, Nov. 19. HORACE A. KIDDER, Em. Commander. DELOS M. BACON, Recorder.

Knights of Pythias. Regular Convention of Apollo Lodge, No. 2, Tuesday evening, Nov. 19. HARRY L. MORRILL, C. C. W. C. HARVEY, K. E. S.

The Museum of Natural Science. Open week days 9-12 A. M., 1-4 P. M. Sundays 2:30 to 5 P. M. All visitors welcomed.

St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. LIBRARY. READING ROOM. ART GALLERY. 5 o'clock to 9 o'clock each week day. Wednesday evenings excepted. 5 o'clock to 9 o'clock Sundays. All are invited.

LOCAL NOTICES.
[Notice will be inserted in this column in reading matter type at the rate of ten cents a line for the first insertion and five cents a line for subsequent insertions of the same copy.]

The Woman's Association of the North church will hold its annual Christmas sale in the church parlors, Friday, Nov. 22, afternoon and evening. Sale opens at two o'clock. More extended notice next week.

The 20th annual meeting of District No. 5 Order Eastern Star will be held with Evening Star Chapter, No. 28, at West Burke, Tuesday, Nov. 13. Grand Patron, Mr. George F. Leland, Grand Matron, Mrs. Minnie M. Coy, and other guests of honor are expected to be present. A cordial invitation is extended to the Chapters in the district and all visiting members in good standing are welcome.

Dr. H. Monford Smith, D. D. G. P. Mrs. Nellie N. Smythe, D. D. G. P. The Ladies' Aid of the First Baptist church will hold a Christmas sale and hot chowder supper at their parlors on Railroad street Friday, Dec. 13.

For Thanksgiving, specially fattened ducks and chickens. M. D. LYSTER, Ideal Poultry Farm.

New \$300 Piano taken in trade for an Automobile. Brand new. Not removed from salesroom floor. Must sell at some price at once. Inquire of W. A. Wright, Garage.

Something in small but up-to-date turbans at Mrs. Patrick's.

Try Hot Chocolate with whipped Cream at Searles' Soda Fountain. It's delicious.

The ladies of the Universalist church will hold an annual sale of aprons, fancy articles, food, candy, etc. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 21 and 22, afternoon and evening in the church vestry. Clam chowder supper Thursday evening and an entertainment Friday evening.

Empire Cream Separators, extras and oil, for sale by A. E. COUNSELL and SON, St. Johnsbury, Vt. None better.

Please Take Notice
We have the exclusive agency for the SANDWICH hayseed in Northern Vermont. We can sell you steel or wood press with engine mounted on press, or detached. We also have the New Way Large Bale Press, and the SANDWICH are the only people who produce a successful BIG BALE press. We also carry Cross Head bales in stock at all times. A. E. COUNSELL and SON.

You can cure that cold with Almon's Cold Tablets. Get a box at Searles' Drug store. Only 25 cents.

Get a bottle of Almon's Cough Cordial at Searles' Drug store. Cough that cough. Only 25 cents.

If you are weak, tired and all run down, get a bottle of Searles' Hypophosphates. Regular \$1 size only 75 cents.

I have now on hand the Coffee sold at the Fairbanks Grocery store, known as the Blend of Coffee, 35 cents per pound. A. H. GLEASON.

REV. E. T. FAIRBANKS ILL Underwent an Operation for Appendicitis and is Recovering

The serious illness of the Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks reported last week, caused a feeling of grave anxiety among his friends. The first attack was called acute indigestion but repeated attacks led to a different conclusion, the family physician, Dr. E. H. Ross, diagnosing it as appendicitis. Dr. Gile of Hanover was called in consultation and confirmed the diagnosis and an immediate operation was deemed necessary.

The operation, by Drs. Ross and Wakefield, revealed that the appendix had burst and gangrene developed to some extent. The operation was successful and the patient has steadily improved since. Mr. Fairbanks is 76 years old but unless there are unfavorable developments there is reason to expect his recovery.

Home and School Club
There will be a conference held at the Union Schoolhouse, Summer Street on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock for parents and all interested in the welfare of children. Mr. Tolman will give an address on "The Laws Governing the Child's Mental and Physical Development During the First Five Years of its Life." This lecture will give much useful information concerning the young child which will be valuable to all who are trying to train them for their best.

Y. M. C. A. Notes
The Junior Running Broad jump was won by Kenneth Pierce with a 11 ft. 1 in.; Edwin Woods, second with 9 ft. 9 in.; John Lee third with 9 ft. 2 in. Running Broad Jump for the intermediate class next Saturday. The Academy class opened Monday with a large attendance.

A meeting of the Boy Scouts was held last Saturday and several phases of the work were tried. A meeting of the Scouts will be held each Saturday and a large attendance is desired.

WILL CELEBRATE

The Democrats to Have Parade and Speaking Friday Evening if Pleasant—Otherwise Saturday.

The democrats of St. Johnsbury and vicinity plan a big celebration of the Wilson victory on Friday evening of this week if the weather is pleasant. If it is not the celebration will be given Saturday evening. A special invitation is given to democrats in other towns to march in the parade. Besides the parade there will be bonfires and speaking, singing and general jollification in the town hall.

The procession will form at the band stand on Railroad street at 7 p. m., and start promptly at 7:30, going down Railroad street, up Pearl, down Eastern Avenue, up Railroad street, up Maple street, down North Pearl, up Eastern Avenue, up Main, down Summer, through Central to the Town Hall.

DEMOCRATS ARE BUSY
Hope to Secure Political Favors Under New Administration

Considerable activity is evident among the local democrats as the victory of their party at the polls means a general change in the federal office holders and some of the local men hope to secure a share of them. The first fight is coming over the postmastership of St. Johnsbury. Postmaster Stone's term expires early in January, while the republicans will be in power, but the democrats want the place just the same. A. H. Gleason is making an active canvass for the position. Frank X. Lantot, who has been in the post office for many years, feels that if a change is to be made in January, he should be promoted to the place. If on the other hand the republicans should reappoint Mr. Stone, he is willing to wait four years for the promotion. Charles E. French, the letter carrier, is a democrat and his friends would like to have him reappointed when a new postmaster is appointed. The other names mentioned for the place are Welcome B. Eastman and George W. Caldwell, but it is not known what their weight will be in the race.

Elisha May, the veteran democrat, would like to be reappointed national bank examiner to succeed Fulmer C. Smith of St. Albans. Mr. May has been in the position under the Cleveland administration.

Harland B. Howe, who led the democratic fight in the state campaign, is said to have a wistful eye on the seat of customs at Newport, where Curtis A. Emery now sits. It is generally felt that his fight of the past summer entitles him to recognition.

A CLUB HOUSE SALE
Members of the Woman's Club to Have Sale and Entertainment at Pythian Hall

Plans are now completed for the sale which is to be held by the women of the Club House Association, the afternoons and evenings of Friday and Saturday, November 15 and 16, in Pythian Hall.

The various departments are in the hands of competent committees, who are working enthusiastically to make the affair a success. There are to be tables for aprons, candy, food, bags, infants' wear, embroidery, and miscellaneous articles, also a mystery table. Contributions should be delivered to the committee soliciting them, or sent to Pythian Hall Friday morning, plainly marked for the table for which they are intended.

Tea will be served both afternoons. On Saturday afternoon baked beans and brown bread may be found at the food table.

There will be a card party Friday evening with tables for 500 and bridge whist, at a fee of 25 cents for each player. Playing will commence at eight o'clock. During the evening light refreshments may be obtained at the counter.

Saturday evening at eight o'clock, the play, entitled "Friday afternoon at the Village School," which was so successfully presented a few weeks ago at the North church, will be repeated. The play has been partially re-written and new jokes inserted, and the original cast of characters increased to include new scholars, among whom are the Irish twins, impersonated by Mrs. Achilles Corriveau and P. O. French. An hour of solid fun is assured. The play will be followed by a social hour, when music will be furnished for dancing. The admission will be 15 cents for this evening.

The members of the committee bespeak the patronage and loyal support of all the members of the club, and of other persons interested in helping this worthy project. Adv.

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A REAL BEAR HUNT

Many Real Hunters Sought Bruin Who Ventured Into Town Election Day—Stories Galore.

St. Johnsbury is seldom favored with a visit by a wild bear, but Lambert W. Hastings saw one in the east meadow at the Fairbanks farm last week Tuesday afternoon. He told somebody about it and bear stories and bear hunters began to appear at once. The stories ranged all the way from one to four bears peacefully wending their way to the woods to fierce animals chasing children into their homes with narrow escapes from the rate of the young mockers in Bible times.

In a few hours bear hunters were chafed in the woods around the Old Pine. One of the early hunters grabbed a borrowed rifle and started for the woods without a cartridge. As he had nothing to do but carry his gun it worked just as well as though he had a whole arsenal of cartridges. Other bold hunters who did not hear the story quite so early as the rest took a gun in one hand and a lantern in the other in hope that the lantern would enable them to see the bear before he could see the light. It is also reported that a young financier heard the call of the wild and leaving the pile of bills uncounted got a hunter's license and marched away to see his girl over in the Stiles Pond neighborhood. It is reported there is a man in town who knows how to hunt bear but he has not really done so. The writer feels he had about as much hunt as anybody because he began a search for the man who had seen any bear. Many were reported to have seen him or them but they always referred thequirer to another story. At last it was found that Mr. Hastings really did see a bear that was hesitantly making its way through the meadow to the woods near the Old Pine. That was the last seen of the bear and whether he was following the hot trail of some bull moose voter or seeking the Spirit of the Wilderness of the Paget period will never be determined.

BUILDING NEW THEATRE

A. L. Bailey to Construct Modern Show Building on Railroad Street

Workmen are tearing down the buildings in the rear of Bailey's Music rooms preparatory to the erection of a modern theatre which will face on Railroad street. The building will be 35 feet wide and 100 feet long, one story in height. It will have a large stage built in the rear so it can be used for a regular theatre or moving picture exhibitions as desired. It will have a seating capacity of seven or eight hundred.

The structure will be of wood but the inside and outside will be covered with metal to reduce the fire risk. A false front will be put on giving the appearance of a solid block. Parties are negotiating now for a lease of the building for a term of years.

BACK TO COUNTY COURT

Supreme Court Reversed Judgment in Citizens Bank Case

In Supreme Court last week Judge Munson read an opinion in the Caledonia county case of Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company vs. Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Company reversed judgment and the cause was remanded for reassessment of damages. Judge Watson concurred Judges Munson and Hazeltin dissented from the holding that the quadrennial appraisals were admissible evidence.

The suit was on an insurance policy containing an 80 per cent co-insurance clause. Ten other companies had policies on the burned St. Johnsbury building including the Vermont Mutual and Union Mutual of Montpelier. The lower court verdict was for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,528.76.

It was claimed that ten jurors were interested in these companies and were therefore disqualified. "It is generally held," read the opinion, "that the amount paid by one company in settlement on judgment in no way affects the liabilities of other companies." There is no concurrent liability.

The opinion held that evidence relative to the rental value of the building was admissible in the determining of the value of the property. The entire question was one of valuation and the majority of the court held that the listers valuation was admissible.

In commenting upon the conduct of the case the opinion read that "it is generally better practice to confine the jury to the question of loss and to have the court make the mathematical calculation in regard to the co-insurance clause."

CONCORD

Lasa Smith of St. Johnsbury has rented the meat market of Fred Woods and will take possession this week.

St. Agnes Guild will meet with Mrs. William Chapman Thursday afternoon.

WOULD ABOLISH OPTION

Gov. Fletcher Asks That Railroads Be Taxed on Appraised Value—Other Business.

The first message by Gov. Fletcher to the legislature was sent in last week. It suggests the present system of taxing railroad property be radically changed. He is not in favor of levying a tax on the gross receipts, as at the present time.

Governor Fletcher's message was as follows:

"State of Vermont.
"Executive Department.
"To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:
"Gentlemen:

"In view of conditions which now exist in the general railroad world, I desire to suggest for your serious consideration a radical change in the state's present method of taxing the railroad corporations.

"Under the existing law, the railroads are taxed, first upon an appraisement made by the tax commissioner at a rate of one and one-quarter per cent of the appraised value, or, in lieu thereof, the option is given them to pay two and one-half per cent on the gross receipts. "At present nearly all of the railroads of the state exercise the option of paying a tax based on gross receipts. Therefore, for the state to know that the spirit of the law is strictly adhered to, it will become necessary to employ a competent accountant with a large force to review practically every rate made by the railroads in this state. This would seem to be very expensive and in many respects not to be desired.

"After a thorough investigation of this subject, I am convinced, as a matter of state policy, that it would be better to repeal the gross receipts clause of the present law, and I earnestly recommend that the same be done.

"I have the honor to be your obedient servant,
"Allen M. Fletcher, Governor.

"November 7, 1912."

Another Primary Law

The general assembly will have at least three bills on primary election to consider. Clarke C. Fitts of Brattleboro has prepared one along similar lines to those which have come to light. His is different from that of Secretary of State Bailey in that it will be a preferential primary instead of a direct vote by Mr. Bailey's plan of Mr. Fitts' is that instead of having the whole matter closed at the primary the voters will cast their vote for stating their preference and then the delegates to the convention will nominate the officers using that preference as a basis of their decision.

While Mr. Bailey's bill provides that when the primary is closed the result of the voting will show the candidates elected for the several nominations in the different parties.

Mr. Fitts also goes farther in his bill than does Mr. Bailey, that is, his measure provides that the preferential primary shall be used for all officers down to and including county officers while Mr. Bailey's bill only relates to state officers. The bill of Mr. Bailey provides for a referendum before the act shall become a law. Mr. Fitts' bill provides that the final vote is by the general assembly.

In drawing his bill Mr. Fitts has in mind the value of retaining the convention system. He believes and advocates that this part of the political education is a valuable one to say the least and should be retained. He also claims that by using the bill the present town system will be retained, which he claims should be for the benefit of the best interests of the state.

Gift by Senator Roy

Senator Roy of Caledonia presented the speaker of the house and the lieutenant-governor each with a gavel manufactured of birds-eye maple

NOTICE

We shall stop giving out Coupons Dec. 14, 1912. We will give Double Coupons every Friday until that date. Certificates will be redeemable for at least Six Months after this date.

BROWN'S CIGAR STORE,

49 Main Street

I SHALL PAY MY 42d AND 43d

Matured Endowment Policies in the past three years, this week, Friday, Nov. 1st. Perhaps you will say, that I am counting my "Chickens before they are hatched," but in the 41 previous matured policies paid, I have not failed in receiving a check for same, either the day before or the exact day they were due, so I can safely anticipate checks for these two. When does your endowment mature? Don't you want to prepare for one at the present time and look forward to the time when it will be a cash asset to you, providing you stay with us until maturity? Of course if you should happen to drop out before this time, some one would be benefited. Please bear in mind that we are sure to drop out sometime, no dodging that question whatever.

CHAS. S. HASTINGS, Gen. Agt.
State Mutual Life of Mass.
Over Post Office.
St. Johnsbury, Vt.

in his croquet factory. Each of the gavel is appropriately inscribed.

Some Bills Introduced

A bill introduced in the senate provides that all vehicles must carry lights between an hour after sunset and an hour before sunrise.

H. 198, has been introduced by Mr. Cutting of Concord to incorporate the Overlook Cemetery Association.

A Second Message

A message was received by the general assembly Friday morning from Gov. Allen M. Fletcher making a number of recommendations for certain matters of legislation.

The governor first took up the matter of education in his message and asked for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the subject of public education. The committee is to recommend and report at the earliest possible date on the several necessities of the University of Vermont, Middlebury College and Norwich University, together with the Vermont State Agricultural College at Burlington.

As soon as is practical after the report the committee shall recommend by bill, or otherwise, such reorganization of the elementary and secondary schools of the state in adjustment to the entire educational system of Vermont which will promote the ends of economy, harmony and unity.

The governor next took up the matter of state bureau of information, and asked for an appropriation of \$5,000 to be placed in the hands of the secretary of state for the purpose of promoting the natural resources of the state by the publication of reliable information and statistics. He then commented on the excellent work of this department during the past with but little means.

Finance is the next matter dealt with in the governor's message. He suggested that some general method of purchasing fuel for all of the state institutions be adopted for purposes of economy and would require biennially a report from the head of each institution on the listed value of all state property. This with a view of an accurate comparison of the expense of each department to the institution receiving the appropriation. This appropriation to take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year next following the passage of the bill.

He then took up the matter of the criminal courts. He recommended that in city and municipal courts, trials of criminal cases shall be by a jury of 12 men and that exceptions taken on questions of law shall go directly to the supreme court. Also that there be no appeal to a county court from the judgment of city or municipal court where the case is within its jurisdiction to try and determine.

An Important Bill

An important bill has been introduced by Senator Johnson of Franklin county in the senate. His bill, (Continued on page 5)

Brevity Is Still Very

Popular With The Listener.

For that reason, we use few words in our ads. We are going to take care of your fuel needs this fall and winter, in the best way possible. Looks better ahead.

Geo. P. Moore,
THE COAL MAN